4. The Delhi Police have also taken following steps to check the accidents.

(i) Strict and rigid enforcement to traffic rules and regulations.

(ii) Organising special drives against rash and negligent driving, driving without licence, drunken driving and red light jumping etc.

(iii) Regular prosecution of violators by issue of notice.

(iv) Introduction of traffic signals/ Blinkers in accident prone area.

(v) Deployment of more traffic policemen in accident prone area.

(vi) Special mobile checking on National Highways.

(vii) Prosecution through most modern equipment i.e. Alcometer and Radar Gun.

Widening of National Highway between Vijayawada and Chilakaluripeta

424. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that necessary land was acquired to widen the national highway between Vijayawada and Chilakaluripeta in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the total amount paid towards compensation;

(c) what is the number od persons displaced;

(d) by when the work is proposed to start; and

(e) what is the target date to complete the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Two Land Acquisition estimates amounting to Rs.160.50 lakhs and Rs. 117.65 lakhs have already been sanctioned and the land acquisition is in progress.

(c) Out of the total number of 2364 encroachments, 2058 encroachments have been evicted so far.

(d) and (e) Since the land acquisition is still in progress and work is yet to be awarded, it is too early to indicate the date of start and completion of this work.

Survey of Cochin-Madurai National Highway

425. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work deficiency survey of Cochin-Madurai National Highway has since been completed;

(b) what is the number of approved schemes on this highway, which have since been completed;

(c) what is the number of pending approved schemes, which have been taken up by respective State Governments;

(d) whether Government will consider the suggestion to lay rubberised bituman on the ghat section between Nerimangalam and Bodyanaickoor; and

(e) whether Government will consider sanctioning of additional funds for the ghat section of this highway as a special case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In all 10 schemes have been approved which are in progress. All these schemes are in Kerala.

(d) Use of rubberised bitumen is still at an experimental stage.

(e) Ghat sections are already treated as special cases in the matter of allocation of